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THE CURSE OF THE SINKER BOUNCER

Chum Lines

WHERE WHITING?

I am writing to you concerning an article, in the Long Island Fisherman. The article was in the Dec. 12, '74 issue and was written by Vlad Evanoff, on the topic of whiting fishing. In the article Vlad mentions fishing for whiting from the Steeplechase pier in Coney Island, which I am aware of. However, I would like to know if there is anywhere else on Long Island where I could catch whiting, either from a pier, beach or jetty. I usually fish in the area of Oak Beach. What would be the closest area to me? I have made numerous inquires to many people on the catching of whiting from shore on Long Island with no success. **Richard Guarnieri, Brooklyn.**

The only whiting fishing I've ever done was with my father, but that was at Coney Island—more than a quarter-century ago. I haven't gone since then, and can't recall ever talking about whiting fishing with anyone, though seem to remember something about the old hanger dock at Montauk. That was a long time ago, too, so I can't be much help. How about some of you readers...anyone know where Mr. Guarnieri can fish for whiting from shore? G.V.

SCHOOL FISHING TRIPS

I have been reading your publication for two years and think it's great. I have gotten many tips and many laughs from it. My fishing ability has improved greatly, to such an extent that I won first place in the Bay Park fishing contest for my striped bass caught there.

I am 15 and a sophmore at Oceanside Senior High School, and am writing in regard to the article submitted by Robert Stekel, the Faculty Advisor of the Edison Anglers (November 21st, 1974 issue no. 45). He wrote that he was looking forward to some more inter-school fishing trips. We anglers of Oceanside High have decided to take him up on that, and in the future give some stiff competition.

Now, in the present, I would like to ask members of the other clubs, Sheepshead, Bryant, and Edison High schools for help. Could they please inform me on the following things: 1. How is the club set up? 2. How do we arrange tournaments? 3. What do we do at meetings? 4. Have they any other information that could possibly be furnished. **Peter Cilento, Oceanside.**

We, too, would be glad to hear from any successfully organized school fishing clubs. Let us know what you have for an answer, and we'll print it. Sounds like this topic would make a great article! Any takers? G.V.

WEIGH FORMULA

I would like to help solve and pass on to fellow fisherman how to estimate fish weight. Walter Glazer (issue #44) striper weighed about 23 lbs. 2 oz. There is a formula for approximately fish weight. I found it in Oct.-Nov. issue "The Conservationist". First measure the length and girth of the fish in inches. Then square the girth and multiply this figure by the length. Divide this grand total by 800 and you will have the approximate weight of your fish.

Example: Walter Glazer
Striper L-40" G-21½"

Girth Squared = 462.25
Length = 40"
18490 ÷ 800 = 23.11 lb., or
23 lbs. 2 oz.

I weighed my striper in at 33 lbs. 9 oz. 8 hours after I caught it. The length (43") and girth (26") were measured soon after the fish was landed. By the formula it should be about 36 lbs. 5 oz. Not too far off, considering weight loss!

Enjoying L.I.F. keep up the Good work! **Dave Karikas, Levittown, N.Y.**

Thanks for the information on that formula:

$$\text{weight} = \frac{\text{length} \times \text{girth}^2}{800}$$

The readers should keep in mind that this is accurate only when determining the weight of "fish-shaped" fish. The weights of un-fish shaped fish cannot be accurately calculated. (Won't Muller snicker over that!)

CLUB NEWS

AMITY HARBOR FISHING CLUB

The Amity Harbor Fishing Club closed the 1974 season with their annual dinner and awards dance Dec. 7, at Musicaros in Melville.

In addition to the presentation of individual species awards, the following members received recognition: Lou Clementz - Fisherman of the Year; Marian Diange - Fisherwoman of the year; Robert Winter - Jr. Fisherman of the year (Bobby is 8 years old); Bob Schavel - Fish Tagging Trophy; Jeannette Schavel - Chopper Tournament - 1st place (Women).

Officers for 1975 are as follows: Adrian Esposito - President; Bob Schavel - Vice President; Ed Thomas - Treasurer; Tom Mulligan - Secretary.

Any Long Island readers that might be interested in further information concerning the AHFC are requested to contact George Fuchs at (516) 931-5567.

L.I. BASSMASTERS OF N.Y.

The membership of the Long Island Bassmasters held their annual elections on December 6, 1974.

The new officers are as follows: President: William Bartick, D.D.S., Lake Ronkonkoma, N.Y.; Vice-President: Robert Losi, Holtsville, N.Y.; Secretary: Andrew Powell, Farmingville, N.Y.; Treasurer: Charles Shelanskey, Westhampton Bch, N.Y.

AMERICAN PANFISHERMEN ASSOCIATION

A.P.A. has successfully affected the stocking program at the beautiful "Duck Pond" in Hewlett Harbor, Hewlett Bay Park, N.Y. The president made several suggestions to the two village boards as to control of the pond, which is their responsibility. To the two village boards. A.P.A. has also presented the two villages with a proposed ordinance for fishing restrictions on the pond. The stocking is partially complete, with further efforts ceasing for the duration of the winter. Completion is scheduled for the spring of 1975. Bass and panfish are being stocked. To the dismay of all, however, there is to be no game fishing in the pond. This will be strictly enforced by the county police. You may ask why bother stocking the pond? Club President Fuoco would ask you to remember the goals and purposes of A.P.A. They are not just a game fishing organization and want to put the emphasis or replacement rather than displacement.

HUNTINGTON ANGLERS' CLUB

The following Trophies were given out at the HAC annual Dinner Dance held at the Huntington Elk's Club on December 7.

Bass from the boat - Mike Macchiaroli - 51 lbs. 4 oz.; Bluefish from the boat - Joe Locurto - 14 lbs. 12

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ABOUT THE COVER: The mate on the EMPIRE out of Freeport puts the gaff to a small cod. Fishing for cod is holding up well on the south shore of L.I. despite the more than 40 foreign trawlers that have been working the area. See the local fishing reports on page 15.

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ozs.; Bluefish from surf - Tony Macchiaroli - 17 lbs. 2 ozs.; Flounder - Harry Maura - 2 lbs. 14 ozs.; Fluke - Dan Marro - 5 lbs. 10 ozs.; Weakfish - Don Urbanski - 8 lbs. 15 ozs.; Blackfish - Phil Beck - 12 lbs. 9 ozs.;

Junior members trophies given out at their regular meeting on December 6 were: Codfish - Joe McMenomen Jr. - 33 lbs. 4 ozs.; Blackfish - Joe McMenomen Jr. - 5 lbs. 12 ozs.; Bluefish - Ed Schortmeyer - 10 lbs. 2 ozs.; Bass - Steve Luhrs - 35 lbs. 12 ozs. Weakfish - Steve Luhrs - 6 lbs. 5 ozs.

BOATING COURSES TO BE HELD AT SEAFORD HIGH SCHOOL

Flotilla 13-8 United States Coast Guard Auxiliary, will conduct a Safe Boating Course at Seaford High School starting January 14th at 8:00 p.m.

This will be a new, expanded 12 lesson course covering weather, engine maintenance, radio compass and charting in addition to the usual boat handling and safety lessons.

Also conducted concurrently, will be a 4-lesson Young Boatman's Safety Course that will enable youngsters between the ages of 10 and 15 to earn their New York Certificate to operate a motor boat.

Registration for both the 12 lesson course, and the Young Boatman's course will be held at Seaford High School, on January 13th and 14th at 7:30 p.m.

For further information, contact Flotilla 13-8 at (516) CA 1-0141.

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Registration will be on January 20, 21, 22 between 7:30 and 9:30 in the High School lobby, corner of Jericho Turnpike & Post Ave., Westbury. Call (516) 876-2009 for further information.

Surf Side

with Doc Muller

WEIGHTING PLUGS

The three most common reasons for weighting an already dynamite plug are: to achieve greater casting distance, to make the plugs ride deeper in the water column, and to change the action of a lure. Usually when you add lead for one reason, you produce changes in the other departments as well.

How much lead you add and where you put it is determined by your purpose, and the process may be simple or complex. For example: the Atom 40 is commonly weighted to make it sink and to slow down its action. To do this, small holes are drilled on either side of the front treble hook. (A ½-inch drill is about right.) The plug is hollow, so it's easy to add buckshot as ballast. The size of the shot is dictated by the size of the hole and the amount of weight that the angler wants to add. The plugs weigh about 3½ ounces; usually you want to add about 5/8-ounce of shot. Add a little shot at a time, put a piece of cork into the holes, test the action, and then add or subtract shot until you're satisfied. Epoxy glue will seal the hole when you're finished. The shot inside the plug's cavities produces a rattle which some fishermen believe attracts gamefish.

Other plugs are more precisely and scientifically weighted. Dr. Jack Frech (The Professor), in a series which will be published in L.I.F. beginning this winter, will offer drawings that show how he has engineered his famous surf plugs in order to achieve exacting casting and swimming characteristics. He has literally spent years moving fragments of lead barely a few millimeters before being satisfied with the overall effect!

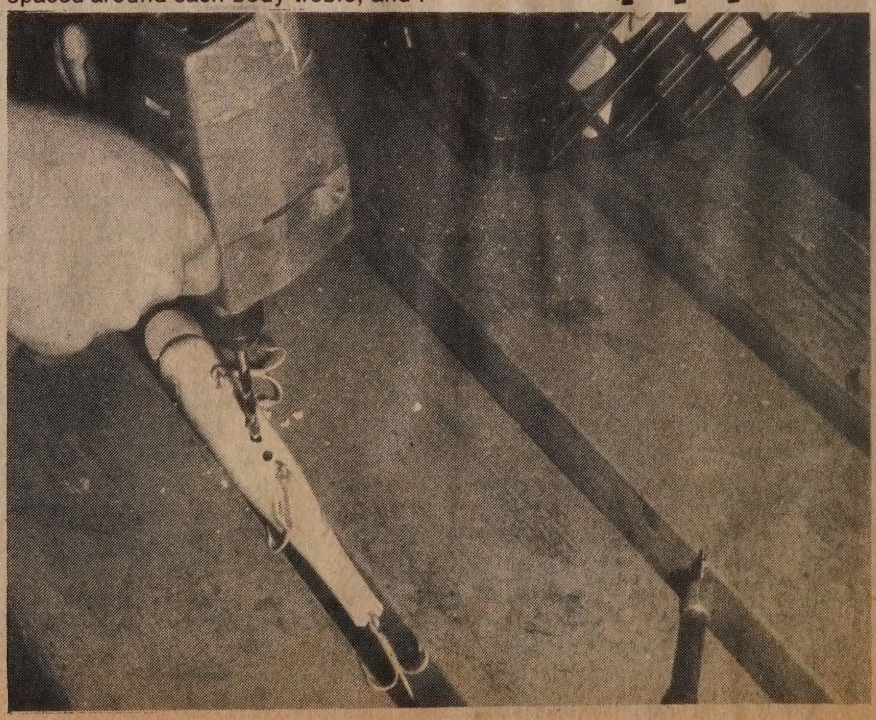
Weighting a plug, therefore, is not simply a matter of drilling a hole in the rear of the plug and adding lead. The process depends on the plug and its unique characteristics. A popping plug might work fine with a little extra weight in the tail, but swimmers have to be handled differently. For example, the Goo-Goo-Eyes Husky Dude tends to swim nose down, which in some situations may be desirable. However, I prefer to have the plug swim on a level plane and, therefore, the lead has to change the balance of the plug. The end result changes the action of the plug, too, and it sloshes and rolls rather than wiggles.

I use a quarter-inch drill and I bore ten holes—that's right, ten holes—each about 3/8-inch deep. I place the holes so that there are four equally spaced around each body treble, and I angle the holes toward the center of the plug. Two additional holes are added immediately behind the lip. The finished plug will float in salt water, sink in fresh water, and swim 8-12 inches below the surface. The additional weight will increase your cast by 25-40%, depending upon how well you cast.

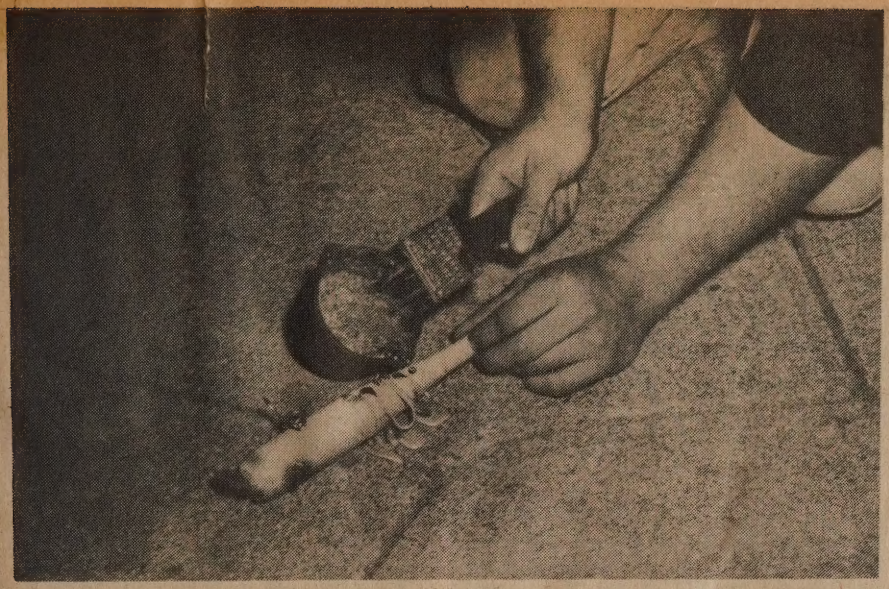
Frequently, it is useful to weight a plug so that it sinks slowly. These plugs usually work best in deep, fast-moving water and it helps the angler to get the bait down to the level of the fish. Most big plugs are difficult to weight and the small plugs have poor action with additional lead.

However, the Goo-Goo-Eyes Big Daddy, Stan Gibbs Swimmer, and the larger Pikies can be successfully filled with lead; the finished plug will weigh five ounces or more. The following photographs show one way to weight the Big Daddy.

Experiment with weighting your favorite plugs to produce different actions and different sinking speeds. I like my plugs to sink slowly at about one foot per second. This way, if I know the water depth I can use a counting system and discover the depth at which the fish are feeding.

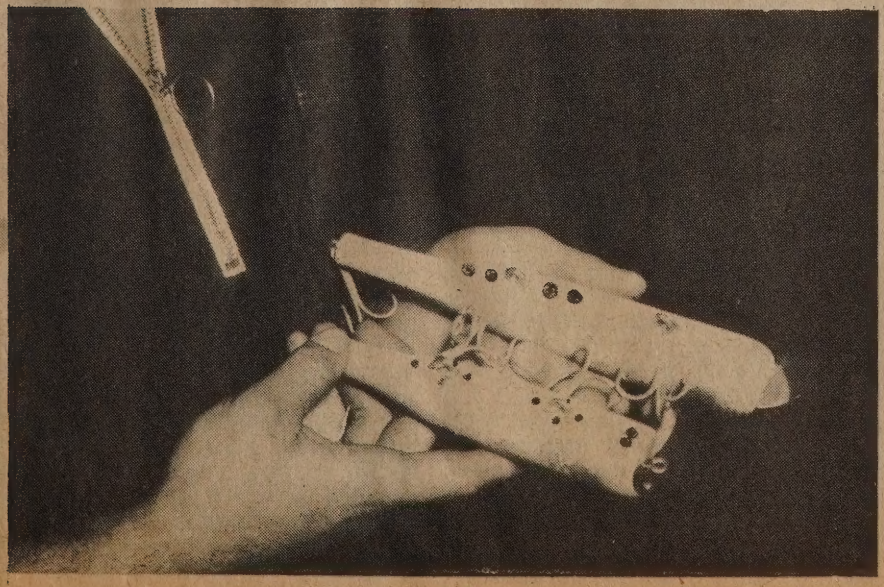


Doug drills two, half-inch holes fore and aft of the front treble. Drill sizes to 7/8 inch are effective. The holes are drilled almost through the plug, leaving 1/2 inch wood on the other side.

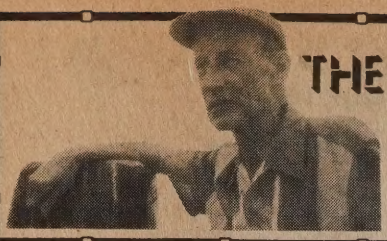


Molten lead is poured into each hole with a ladle.

Doug checks to make sure that each hunk of lead is securely in place. Loose pieces are removed and the holes are repored.



The Husky Dude (l.) and Big Daddy (r.) with different lead positions for different effects.



THE BOTTOM LINE

with Matt Ahern

A BRAND-NEW FISHERMAN

When Bill Cronin visited me one evening last December, he found me busily fileting the codfish Artie Leidecker and I had caught that morning.

"Those are big fish," he commented. No doubt they did look big to a non-fisherman like Bill. I told him these were just average-run cod of six to ten pounds.

"Maybe," he replied. "But I sure wouldn't mind catching fish like that."

"Artie and I are going out again in the morning. You're welcome to come along."

I could see his eyes roaming over the larger cod.

"Fat chance I'd have against you guys. I never caught a fish in my life."

I shrugged my shoulders. "So what? Every fisherman starts somewhere. Maybe you'll like it." When he hesitated, I quickly added: "We'll probably catch fish, too. And you needn't worry about tackle; we've got plenty."

That did it, at 6:30 next morning found the three of us making our way through Reynold's Channel aboard Artie's "Echo".

As we approached the Jones Inlet bell buoy, we headed westerly. "We'll give the McAllister grounds a try first," Artie told us. "We can always work offshore if necessary."

I had selected a light, yet stiff boat rod for Bill and to this I added a matching conventional reel filled with thirty pound test monofilament. For terminal tackle I tied on two 5/0 Sproat hooks, one ten inches above an eight ounce bank sinker and the other, snelled on an eighteen inch leader, three and a half feet higher.

As we made our way through a quiet sea, Bill sat testing the workings of the free-spool reel while I opened our skimmer clam bait. "When we begin fishing, do exactly as we do," I told him, slicing the skimmers in half. "If there are cod around, you'll get your share."

A half hour later we were on McAllister. When the anchor was secured, I batted over a dozen or so skimmers for chum, then picked up my rod.

"Let's go get 'em," Artie said, sending his baited hooks to the bottom.

Bill followed suit, and seconds later I noticed him making tentative stabs with his rod. He game me a questioning look.

"Bergalls," I told him. "You'll learn to live with them if you do much bottom fishing. Just let the bait lie still."

Suddenly he grunted. "Got something!"

I watched the strain and set of the rod, but it was no cod. "You've got a ling. Reel him in."

He lifted a fair-sized ling aboard, unhooked it without difficulty and dropped it into the plastic fish barrel. He watched it for several moments. He grinned. "First fish I ever caught."

Artie and I each winched a ling to the surface. "Go down and get another," I said. "Better yet, get a cod."

Twenty minutes passed by, during which several more line came aboard, but no cod. I decided it was about time to do a bit more chumming. Some days, if the fisherman is lucky, cod will seize the bait immediately upon anchoring, but most often he'll find them slow when following the chum to its source.

I was almost to the bow when Artie let out a whoop and set his hook into our first cod. His rod strained against th cod's desperate attempts to regain the bottom, but slowly and surely it was brought to the surface. I picked up the gaff and stuck it into a nice fish of about twelve pounds.

Encouraged now, we waited for the next cod to take hold. I was wishing for a cod for Bill when the rod suddenly came alive in my hands.

i drove the hook home. The rod bowed stiffly against the weight of the fish, forcing me to tighten my grip. The cod pounded heavily, stopping the reel cold.

I glanced quickly at Artie. "Get the gaff! It's a good one!"

The drag setting grudgingly gave up a few feet of line as the cod backed off, briging its weight to bear on the rod tip. I'd gain a few feet, then promptly lose them. This tug-of-war went on for several minutes when the cod suddenly tired, allowing me to slowly reel it up. I could see a large head and a glinting white belly thrashing slowly in the depths. Easy thirty pounds, I told myself.

"Wow!" This from Bill as he watched Artie plant the gaff and lift the fish aboard. "What a fish!"

"Better watch your rod," Artie told him, removing the gaff. "This one's got a mate down there, somewhere."

I unhooked the cod and moved it out of the way. It was the best I'd taken since the season started and it couldn't have happened at a better time. Each winter I'd been telling Bill of the big cod available off Long Island's south shore and here was the proof.

If the mate to my big cod was down there, we were having trouble catching it, and after two hours of sporadic chumming our net result was two small cod, both caught by Artie, plus the usual scattering of line.

Ordinarily, when fishing slows down, we pack it in, but as Bill had yet to get a cod, we decided to make a few drifts further offshore.

We ran for about a mile, heading for an area often worked by commercial skimmer men. It was known to us as "the broken skimmer bottom" and frequently produced good fishing in early November. With Bill in mind, I silently prayed to the fishing gods to smile upon us.

We began our first drift with a light south wind and an incoming tide slowly moving us inshore. For ten minutes there wasn't a bit of action, except for two large, horned dogfish which raised our hopes that there might possibly be cod about.

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My prayer was answered. Bill came up on a fish and the rod took on a set only a cod can make.

"You've got him, Bill," Artie said, picking up the gaff. "Let him pound. That's it. Just take him nice and slow. Easy does it."

I quickly reeled in, tossed over a marker buoy and stood by, offering words of encouragement. The fish stopped pumping, came along easily for a few feet, then started to pound again. Bill stopped reeling.

"Keep him coming," I coached. "You're doing fine." I looked down through the clear water and caught a movement. "Here he comes! Don't give any slack!"

As mine had done, the cod suddenly relaxed its fisht and docilely allowed itself to be reeled to the surface.

Artie leaned over and waited for the cod to get within gaffing distance. Quickly reaching down, he deftly impaled the cod through the head and lifted it aboard.

"Twenty-five pounds if it's an ounce!" he proclaimed, slapping the happy fisherman on the back. "You've got your first cod, feller. It's a beaut!"

Bill's face was glowing. "Look at the size of that fish! Wow!"

We returned to the buoy, anchored near it, chummed a bit, but without success. We finally decided to call it quits.

Bill picked up his cod and hefted it. "You guys going fishing tomorrow?"

I shook my head. "Not till next week."

"Good."

"Good? I figured after that fish you'd want to go out again right away."

"I sure do, but with my own tackle. As long as you aren't fishing tomorrow, you can have the honor of picking out an outfit for me. You guys are stuck with a brand new fisherman."

A Fisherman's Dream

by Fisherman Sal (Sal D'Angelo)

Being an imaginative Fisherman, would you believe I had a dream one night? Davy Jones (of marine fame) spoke to me about the oncoming dangers confronting our eastern seaboard. You can take it for what it's worth.

Mr. Jones impressed me with the fact that he is very aware of what is going on in his domain. I noticed tears in his eyes when we discussed offshore drilling, man made erosion, and sewage. He kept dabbing his eyes with seaweed while I explained that these latest threats could be reversed in time.

I pointed out to him that some of our leaders are also aware and they are trying to avert this ecology problem. "I hope you are right" he said. "There is no time to lose."

He went on to explain that sludge and waste dumpings are hurting his underwater constituents in a 3,000 square mile zone from New York to Maryland. He also expressed his fears about the massive over-fishing being carried out by foreign fleets in-between the polluted zones. One morning he counted 59 vessels scouring the ocean floor in a protected area.

Dave made it clear to me that he is finding it difficult to maintain the balance of the entire marine-environmental-system.

"My friend, keeper of the deep", I answered, "I sincerely share your concern. Especially when the facts are real." His facial expression took on a warm, but serious glow.

"There is a chance", he uttered. "My great overseer, King Neptune, is due in this area next year to visit your National Gateway Park, and if you don't continue to flout the life-supporting system of the ocean, His Majesty might not declare the New York Bight a Toxic Zone. And we should not hesitate to heed his warnings".

I thanked him for his timely visit and promised him, on behalf of all Fishermen, Mariners, and Sportsmen, that we would do our best to reverse the situation by simple recognition of the fact that time is running out. We should not be so short-sighted when it comes to conservation.

He bade me "good night" and apologized for disturbing my sleep. "Forget it", I said, "I'm on your side. I'll try to wake up others to remind them to keep your locker clean."

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Now, What Do You Know?

by Don Julio Siebert

Ed. Note: *From time to time strange sightings have been observed in Long Island waters. Make what you will of this one; it's true.*

What a great calm day!

I've since made up my mind that when I am on Long Island Sound I'll anchor and stick to some safe fishing, as will my friend Herman.

Certainly, my family and friends will take tongue out of cheek and start to believe me and my yarns. But here is a tale I need not enlarge or color in any way.

This happened on the Sound one nice autumn day a few years ago, during duck season and only a few hundred feet off Eaton's Neck lighthouse.

I was trying for a few flounders. Herman was ready for a shot at ducks.

Big show—all for free

We were anchored off the beach, all the while being amused by the antics and the play of a large school of porpoises who seemed to put on their show for our benefit, their sole audience.

They would circle the skiff, jump high into the air and come gracefully with a dive back into the water with that sure grin of assurance, or at times turn in the air and dive back to our applause.

Surely there is no more intelligent or sporting animal in the sea, or perhaps on land, than the porpoise. All the world knows he is a true friend to man. I feel that he is more amused by us and loves us more than we are moved by his happy play.

Would you believe it?

Now, Herman is a normal, sensible guy; quick to smile, but slow to anger or be disturbed or startled by the unusual in sound or sight. Well—he says he was banged a bit that day!

The ducks were flying high out of range or fire, perhaps scared off by the jumpig porpoise, so Herman, finally afraid of being wrecked, fired in the direction of one of the beasts. It sounded or dove into the deep in a flash, but as it went down it must have created a big commotion, since before the big swirls of its dive were gone, there arched out of the water a huge, green circular creature just next to the boat. No head or tail showing, just an immense, bright green color hanging in the air while our hearts beat to burst.

When it popped away, I took to the oars and made time for the beach and home, still too bugged that this could happen in my own front waters.

Now what do you know!

Back home we rushed in to relate the story to Dinny, my wife. Now, every man knows he is not a hero to a wife, and certainly I was no exception on this day. Dinny took a careful look at us with jaundiced or cocked eyes, tongue in cheek and all the rest that goes with meeting a couple of dopes. Then quietly says, "Now own-up, boys."

But Herman, as I said, is a guy of calm ease and few words. He just looked, you had better believe! Dinny finally got on and agreed this was no bar room mirage or dream and this surprised me, too, since we really didn't enlarge the beast with white lies or—better still—with darned good ones.

I've Heard Tell!

Now, it happens I was relating this yarn to the retired boy constable who has been around the bays and in Long Island Sound most of his working life.

"Sure I've seen it, and so have others. What is it? We have all been asking. None of us know as yet. I hope you will."

All I can advise is that when you fish off Eaton's Neck, in sight of the protective and welcome lighthouse, just be sure to drop huge hooks that can hold a dragon of the deep if you want to tangle with this monster. And take your camera.

Go get him, tiger! He still bugs me.

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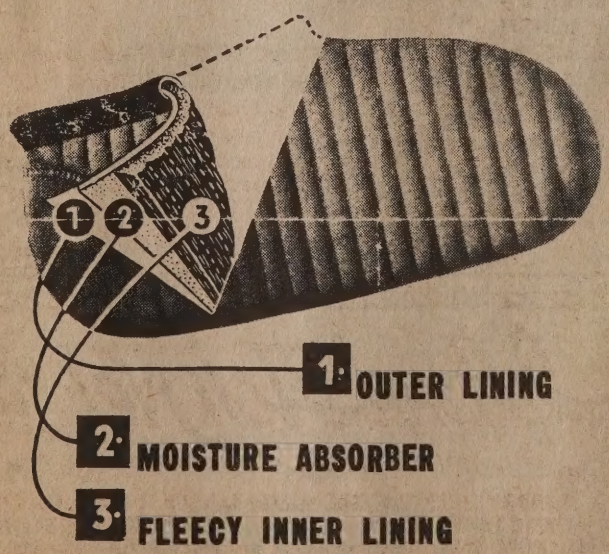

Those Days

by John Gorrebeeck

Little did I know that my father was creating a monster when he would occasionally help me play hookey in order to go fishing. The monster he eventually created is known as a "Striper Fisherman". At 5:00 A.M. he would drop me off near City Island by a dirt road, on which I would hike past an army barracks and chase a few pheasants along the way to Rodmans Neck where I would make camp.

In those days I had a Penn Surfmaster reel loaded with 30 pound test line on a solid glass rod. Bait was no problem; I would dig my own and separate the blood from the sandworms, placing them in a wooden box filled with moist sand and seaweed. What I didn't use, I would store in a hole among the tall reeds where it remained safe and fresh until my next fishing venture. The tapeworms, which were kept refrigerated in a jar full of salt water, were my favorite bait.

One morning I was using tapeworms on an ebbing tide. My rod was in a sandpike, and I had left the rachet on and the gear lever off so I could hear a fish hit. While standing on a sod bank, coffee in hand, admiring the beauty of the shoreline, the stillness of the morning was disrupted by the screaming of my reel. I put the reel in gear and reared back, the rod bent like a pretzel.

In those days I didn't know too much about using the star drag, and because I kept too much pressure on him, the fish chose to make a sharp turn around a rock. Had I then loosened my drag, he might not have snapped the line. But I didn't, and this allowed him to get enough leverage against that rock to break my line. I know he was a nice fish, and he taught me an important lesson about using the drag properly.

Another time when I was home from school with a broken thumb (a good enough reason to be out), my father and I were fishing the low tide for stripers. After casting out my rig baited with tapes, I laid my rod down on a rock, forgetting to take the reel out of gear, and went to dig some bait. When I returned I asked my father why he had moved my rod. He replied that he hadn't touched it.

I was just about to accuse him again when I noticed tracks in the mud where the rod had been dragged into the water. I dashed looking frantically for my rod, and found it wedged among some rocks. When I picked the rig up I realized that I was fortunate enough to still have the fish on. He had apparently fought against the rod for some time, as he put up less of a fight than I would have expected from a 19-pound bass. The hook fell out of his mouth just as I beached him.

At that time I still didn't realize the great bass fishing potential, due to the abundance of mossbunkers—bigger than you can imagine—which spawned where Coop City now stands, and the tremendous quantities of shoestring eels that grew up in the Hutchinson River. I was too busy fishing for flounders, eels, and porgies, as well as clamming and crabbing to realize this potential. Meanwhile, at night, down at the Pelham Bay Bridge, guys like Ed Sens and his pupil, Al Reinfelder (who later became a crusader for protection of marshlands and striped bass), were pulling out enough bass to make the Cape Cod Canal look sick.

Today as I walk that very same dirt road, instead of kicking up pheasants I only kick up beer cans, and where there once was a path to Rodman's Neck there now stands a fence that extends down into the water and can only be passed at low tide.

It is impossible to walk along this shoreline without stepping on the pieces of broken skeet that litter the area. Now I make it a point to leave before the sun sets, as one never knows who is lurking about, ready to steal a fisherman's tackle—or worse. Although the area has changed greatly, one can still see an old timer carring a nice brace of bass.

As I flyrod from my favorite rock at Turtle Cove, watching debris and oil rather than grass shrimp go floating by, I think of those days.

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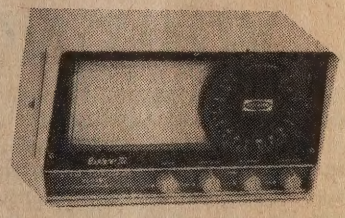

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Reflections of a River Rat

by Bob Blanks

On a bright morning back in '36 an eager youngster in baggy knickers hopped off the Fort Lee trolley on 125th Street near the corner of Amsterdam Avenue.

As I opened the door, a small brass bell tinkled and gently awakened old "Pop" Bauman, who was dozing alongside the big, wood-burning, pot belly stove "puffin' away" in the middle of the floor of his tackle shop. If there had been a New York City Anglers' Historical Society, Pop Bauman's and the bait and tackle shop in the old "Washington Market" would have been preserved, along with it's salty smell of tar line, rows of Irish linen line neatly wound on wooden spools, and hickory and split bamboo rods fitted with agate guides.

Hanging behind the solidly built glass and mahogany showcase was a display of the reels of the era: flat wooden "knuckle-busters", star drag bakelite and metal models—some with a German silver finish—Penn, Coxe, Ocean City, Pflueger and others that elude my memory.

Digging deep into my only pocket that didn't have a hole, I plunked down three pennies. Pop turned to his wooden tray and wrapped two, six-inch sandworms in damp newspaper and I left that wonderful old shop. The next move was a quick dash down to the Fort Lee Ferry Terminal at the foot of 125th Street and the Hudson River, and up to the 131st Street coal dock.

After screwing my "dock bell" into the pier string piece, I unwound my 100-foot tar line from the "keeper stick," carefully coiling it at my feet. Next, I baited a cat-gut snelled Chestertown with a small piece of my enormous bait supply of two worms. With my foot firmly on the "keeper stick," to which the bitter end of my one and only fishing outfit was tied, I swung the baited hook and sinker in a four-foot arc over my head and, with a heave, reached out all of 100 feet into that mighty river.

After the sinker settled with the running tide, the taut line was pressed into a clip on the upright dock bell which had a short spring at its base. The entire "early warning system" was about 10 inches long. Then I would settle down to watch the ever present river traffic: ferries, the steam tugs puffing about, busily pulling or pushing barges, and railroad car floats all over the river.

The big, fast, side wheelers of the "Day Line" carried passengers from Manhattan to Yonkers, Bear Mountain, West Point and as far up-river as Albany. A special treat was watching a coastal freighter, with river pilot aboard, carefully weaving its way between the numerous shad nets jutting from shore up to the very edge of the channel (the shad industry was alive and well in those days) as it headed up-river to deliver and receive cargo.

I jumped up at the urgent jangling of the dock bell and hand-over-hand retreived the tar line, dropping it in neat coils as it came in with sharp tugs signaling that something was resisting on the other end. Soon, a fat eel was squirming on the dock. A few raps on the head stilled the eel long enough to roll it on a dry piece of newspaper, which allowed one to grasp and unhook the slippery critter.

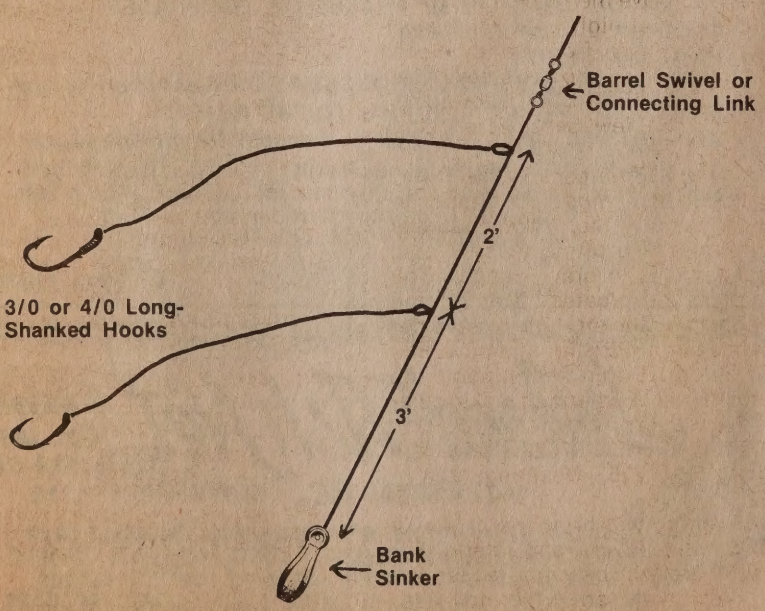
Left in the sun for awhile, the skin dried and, by stepping on the tail and rolling it between the sole of my shoe and the dock, the tail split. I then grabbed the two ends and with a quick pull, Mr. Eel was skinned and dressed for the pan. In season, we caught eels, tommie cod, perch, catfish and plenty of fat blue claw crabs.

With the old man on W.P.A. and seven of us kids in the family, Mom welcomed a day's catch. Whenever I has a good day with the shoe shine box down around Chambers Street, I would board the ferry (nickel fare) for an adventurous trip over to the

Tip of the Week

WHITING RIG

Whiting generally feed several feet off the bottom; that is where you must place your baited hooks. Best baits are spearing, sand eels, skimmers, squid, herring and whiting. Cut the bait into strips about 4" long and place on the hook, leaving an inch or so dangling. You can also try diamond jigs and small spoons, jigged two or three feet above the bottom.



"fabulous" Jersey side of the River. (All us kids swore that the **really big ones** lived on the New Jersey side of the River!) We fished from the rotting barges, old docks and bulkheads along the Fort Lee shore, and always returned home feeling as though we had been on an expedition!

Soon we learned of the majestic striped bass and began a lifetime quest for this great gamefish.

Our first information on stripers came from an elderly Italian gentleman who spoke with an old country accent. We kids never did learn his name, but we respected this grizzled old-timer as one steeped in the mysteries of the River.

"Mr. Mike", as we called im, made a living from the River. He used a large umbrella rigged upside down. A strong wire leading from the umbrella handle up to a stout pole completed his outfit. About six inches off the bottom of the umbrella, on the handle, he attached a baseball-sized knot of earthworms. Plying the shores of the River he would stop at his numerous "holes", lower the baited rig and, squatting alongside, puff on his short, stubby cigar as he waited for the right moment.

When he decided it was time to haul, he rose and, with a firm grip on the broom stick that served as a rod, slowly raised the inverted umbrella, often finding a lively mess of squirming eels now trapped in the bottom. A deft shake and they were into his pail, and he set the rig for another haul. The eels were sold to the many fish markets in various parts of the city that kept and sold live eels at that time. Occassionally, that large ball of worms would attract various kinds of fish to the "umbrella rig"; they would wind up in the pail with the eels.

"Mr. Mike" told us of fishing the small cove on the up-river side of the base of the George Washington Bridge, and of frequently taking small stripers in the spring with his unique outfit.

Armed with top secret information from this kindly old gent, whom we though knew **everything** about the River, we took our hand line and set out to fish the incoming tide at the cove. After a few frustrating afternoons spent losing sinkers on the rocky cove bottom, we finally located a small portion of mud bottom that permitted the use of a hand line and did not cost us a lot of lead. The advice of the "Old Man of the River" echoed in my mind: "It's a no good to throw far out in the river, Sonny, th' bass, he come up close by th' rocks. Keep th' line neat, cause ifa th' biga bass come you better give him line or else he breaksa you line an' good-by!"

Tensely hunched up on the sloping rock at the bottom of the cove, line held between thumb and forefinger, I felt two sharp, electrifying raps at the sandworm-baited hook. Instantly uncoiling for the "set" I stepped backward, line held over my head, and felt that surge of a strong fish on the line. Heart pounding, I stripped in line and pounced upon my very first striper, a monster all of 12 inches! (This was long before state laws gave this magnificant gamefish any measure of protection).

I recall proudly presenting it at home and later, when it lay crisply done on a platter, I could not eat a morsel...

World War II came along and took me away from "My River", and after fishing in the Pacific I came back to the Hudson, fully armed with a rod and reel.

Linen line was soon replaced by nylon and the Penn squidder on a Montague surf rod allowed us to easily fish 300 feet out into the River.

I continued to fish bass with worms up to the middle fifties, when I met another "River Man" ("Mr. Mike" had gone to his reward). This affable Irishman, "Sully," introduced me to the spinning rod and bucktails and a sporting method to angle for a great fish.

"Sully." "Artie." "BoBo." "John." "Davy." And others whose names elude my memory, contributed to my growing ability to catch stripers and, from quiet-spoken "Sully," I learned to release—not kill—this great fish.

As tackle improved so did my catch rate, until my son and I caught and released over 2,000 stripers in one season!

Slowly pollution and the crime rate forced us to leave the River again (best lure fishing is at night). As we moved along the beaches from Sandy Hook to Montauk Point, the bass savvy we learned on the River often allowed us to score when few bass were being taken.

Recently, I came back to the River, to fish her and, most important, to fight for her very life. Recent studies indicate she is a prime nursery area for bass and is in grave danger. The Hudson is the greatest river on the east coast and the struggle to save her is just as large. Pitch in and save this grand old lady! Join and support the Hudson River Fishermen's Association: New Jersey chapter, P.O. Box 67, Demarest, N.J. 07627. New York chapter, Box 725, Ossining, N.Y. 10562.

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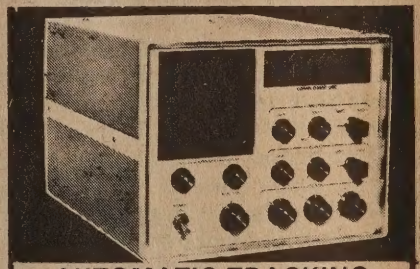

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The Curse of the Sinker Bouncer

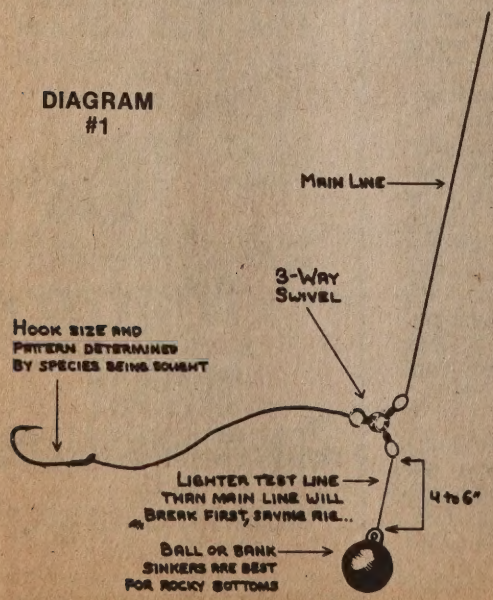
by Scott Simons

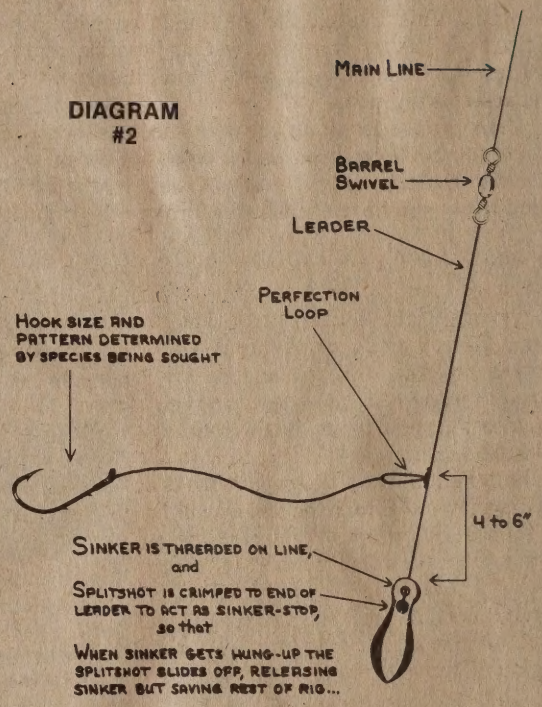
After fishing all day with poor results, a school of fish has finally been located. The fishing is hot and heavy when suddenly the "curse of the sinker bouncer" strikes—your rig has snagged bottom. Several minutes are spent trying to free the rig until the line breaks. This is followed by more wasted time tying on a new rig and baiting up. Meanwhile, your buddies are pulling in fish as fast as they can get their rigs to the bottom. By the time you're ready to start fishing again, the fish have invariably stopped biting.

In order to limit these episodes to as few as possible, we will tackle the problem in four stages: how to rig-up to avoid snagging bottom; how to free your rig if you do snag bottom; how to break your line as a last resort; what to do when your line breaks and the rig is lost.

Obviously, the best way to avoid losing a rig is not to get snagged in the first place. While this is difficult, you may take certain measures when rigging that will reduce the number of times that you do. It's important to understand that, the majority of times, it is the sinker, **not** the hook, that is getting hung up. This is because the sinker is in almost constant contact with the bottom while your baited hook glides along slightly above, often glancing off obstacles it may encounter. With this bit of information in mind, the type of sinker used and how it is attached to the rig play important roles.

When drifting in an area that has a rough or rocky bottom that can easily foul a sinker, the best types of sinker you can use are bank and ball sinkers. The ball sinker is particularly well-suited for blackfishing because of its tendency to roll along the bottom, preventing it from getting hung up as often as other sinker patterns. Sinkers to **avoid** when fishing in areas where rigs tend to get lost are the pyramid and diamond-shaped sinkers. These sinkers should be used only when holding bottom is more important than losing an occasional rig.





There are several ways of attaching a sinker to a rig so that it will break away without the loss of the entire rig. This is to your advantage, because it is much easier to tie on a new sinker rather than completely re-rigging. The most popular method is the use of a three-way swivel. (See diagram #1) Attach your hook to one eye and the main line to a second. On the third eye attach a short length of monofilament that is a lighter test than the main line. Attach your sinker to the light line the desired distance from the three-way swivel. If the sinker gets hung up, the lighter line will break first and everything but the sinker will be salvaged. The one drawback to this rig is that sinkers cannot be changed too quickly.

The technique I use for attaching a sinker to a bottom rig was dreamed up by my father, and it is so simple and effective I find it amazing that no one has thought of it before. First off, forget about the three-way swivel—just let the leader extend six inches below the point that the hook branches out. Thread the end of the leader through the eye of the sinker, allowing it to slide freely. To the end of the line crimp on a large split shot that is larger than the eye of the sinker. (See diagram #2) The split shot acts as a sinker-stop. If the sinker gets hung up on the bottom and you apply enough pressure, the split shot will slide off the end of your line before it breaks, detaching the sinker and saving the rig. The only trouble is that sometimes it works **too** well; the sinker may come off if you have a particularly energetic fish

on. But the time saved by not having to re-rig more than compensates for these few occasions.

When your rig gets tangled on an underwater obstruction or your sinker becomes wedged in a crevice or between rocks, you should follow a step-by-step procedure in an attempt to free it. First, let out slack line for a few seconds and then lift hard. Often the sinker will dislodge itself in this manner. If this doesn't work, move your rod to the left or right and pull hard from these new angles. Pulling straight ahead will only add to your difficulties.

If at all possible, move around to the opposite side of the obstruction and pull. Do not make short jerks, just a strong, steady pull. This failing, take the line in your hand near the rod tip, hold it as far over your head as possible, and pull. As a last resort, pull steadily until the monofilament stretches to its near-breaking point and suddenly release it. This often has a slingshot effect, causing the line to shoot back and slinging the hook or sinker in the opposite direction. If you succeed in freeing your rig in any of these methods, check to make certain you haven't dulled or broken the point of your hook.

If your rig still hasn't freed itself after going through all these steps, you'll have to break your line, hopefully only losing your sinker. The important thing to remember is **never** to use your rod as a lever to break your line...the rod often becomes broken, as many a sorry angler has discovered. Instead of using your rod, tighten up on the drag and cup a hand over the spool to prevent it from revolving. Point the tip of your rod directly at the line. Reel in as much slack line as possible and pull the rod straight backwards in a direct line. (See diagram #3) Either the sinker will break free or the line will separate at the knot joining line to leader.

Once you have succeeded in breaking your line it's time to re-rig. The **first** thing to do is RESET YOUR DRAG! Countless numbers of large fish are lost each season by anglers who neglected to reset the drag after tightening it after becoming hung up on the bottom. Run your fingers over the last several

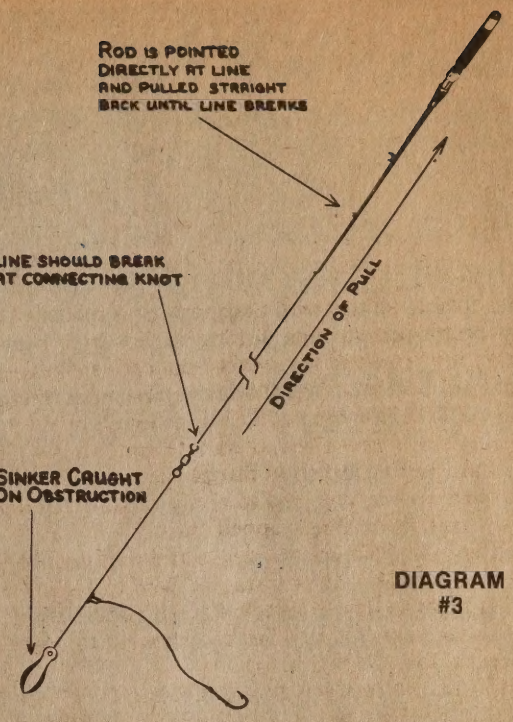

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DIAGRAM #3

feet of line to check for fraying or a smaller diameter caused by over-stretching. Your best bet is to make it a standard practice to clip off the last ten or fifteen feet of line just to be on the safe side before tying on a new rig. Considerable fishing time will be saved by tying your own rigs in advance at home and placing them in separate, labeled envelopes. Or, if room permits, have a second rod rigged and ready to go.

Give all these tips a try next time you go bottom fishing and you'll be a happier fisherman for it. You'll increase your catch and may discover that "the curse of the sinker bouncer" does not have to be such a frustrating predicament.

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SHORTFIN MAKO SHARK	400 LBS.
PORBEAGLE SHARK	400 LBS.
SMOOTH DOGFISH	10 LBS.
BLUE SHARK	300 LBS.
HAMMERHEAD SHARK (ALL SPECIES)	1,200 LBS.
SPINEY DOGFISH (HORNED DOG)	8 LBS.
ATLANTIC COD	40 LBS.
SILVER HAKE (WHITING)	2 LBS.
STRIPED BASS	35 LBS.
BLACK SEA BASS	1 LB. 6 OZS.
BLUE FISH	13 LBS.
SCUP (PORGY)	1 LB. 8 OZS.
WEAKFISH	8 LBS.
TAUTOG (BLACKFISH)	7 LBS.
ATLANTIC BONITO	10 LBS.
OCEANIC BONITO	15 LBS.
ATLANTIC MACKEREL	1 LB. 6 OZS.
BLUEFIN TUNA	400 LBS.
SWORDFISH	100 LBS.
WHITE MARLIN	70 LBS.
SUMMER FLOUNDER (FLUKE)	14 LBS.
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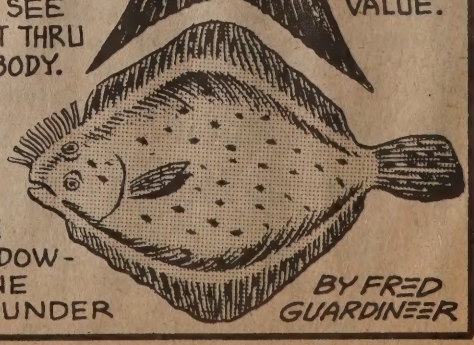
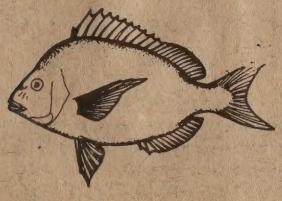


THE WINDOW-PANE FLOUNDER

BY FRED GUARDINEER

SOUTH SHORE Fishing Report

Bob Wallenstein of New Jersey hefts the 42½ lb. cod that won him an $83 pool aboard the Peconic Queen II on December 8th.



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The **Viking Star** did very good on both Saturday and Sunday with the codfish. The Star fished the Offshore Cartwright Grounds on both days in 110-120 feet of water. On Saturday the fish averaged 3 to 15 pounds and the 20 pound class of fish were sprinkled in the catch. Sunday was even better, with the two top fish of the day a cod in the high 30's and one in the 40's. Blackfish up to 12 pounds also took the skimmer bait. Fishing has been picking up in general.

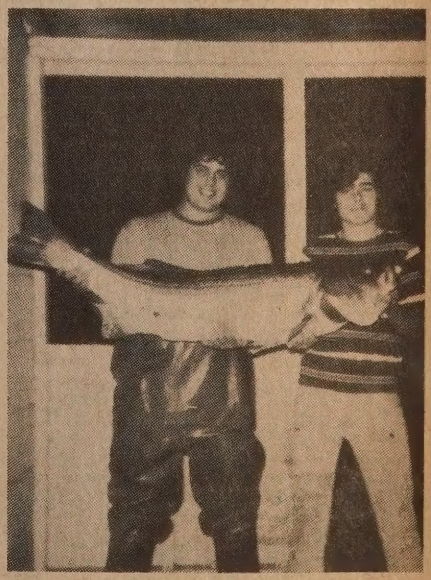
Capt. Lester Behan of the **Peconic Queen II** has been fishing the North Grounds, only a 35 minute run from the dock, up until Sunday with only fair results. Max Wilhelmson was high-hook for the day with 15 cod 15 to 20 pounds. The wether forecast was bad and the people stayed away and it turned out to be a flat calm. Swithing over to the Cartwright Grounds on Sunday, fishing was somewhat better. Anglers averaged 4 or 5 cod each and the pool fish was 33 pounds. The best area for fish right now is probably right under the lighthouse, but one storm after another has kept the water too murky for good results. In January the Block Island area should come alive again.

CAPTREE

Captain Speedy Hubert of the **Speedy V** reported very good codfishing on Saturday north of the NB buoy in 80 to 90 feet of water. Fish are averaging 5 to 7 pounds with the pool fish usually in the high teens or thirties. Not many big fish around anymore. Fishing was only fair on Sunday in the same area, but the weather was nasty and they came in early. But the fish were still there.

The **Captain Joseph Fleet** reported that the fishing has been holding up good. The Joseph boats have been fishing inshore of the NB buoy 10 to 12 miles south-southeast of Fire Island Inlet. Fishing was good on thursday with a 150 cod, same for Friday with 100 fish but Saturday was only fair with 50 to 60 fish coming aboard. Fish are now averaging only 5 to 6 pounds but an occasional 40 pounder keeps popping up. Whiting are mixed in with the cod, but no mackerel have been around. No foreign vessels have been seen in several days.

Fishing has been good and holding all week, according to the **Captain Scotty.** The NB buoy has been producing up to 12 fish a man, average size 5 to 12 pounds. No big monsters around, though, or Russians, or people that want to go fishing..



Roddy Rice and Mike Costello hold a nice bass that Mike took on Oct. 31st on a live eel at Jones Beach Parking Field #9. Mike said that without the assistance of "Carmine the Surfman," who did gaff-duty, the fish would have been lost.

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Captain Al Lindroth of the **Captain Al** said the fishing has been very good with the good weather of late. The boat has been fishing from Cholera to Long Beach in only 70 feet of water and the cod have been averaging about six pounds. Pool fish is in the twenties. Mackerel have been jigged during the day by anglers who wanted them and a few whiting are mixed in with the cod. Fishing is now inshore only 6 or 7 miles off the beach, less than an hours ride from the dock.

Captain Richie Kessinger of the **Starstream II** said that the fishing had been pretty good all week, 100 to 150 fish a day for a few passengers, but the fish seemed to move out of the area east-southeast of the inlet in 100 feet of water by the time the weekend rolled around. The cod are still moving in closer as the water continues to get colder. A short run of 20 minutes from Jones Inlet to 70 feet of water is far enough for a good catch of fish.

SHEEPSHEAD BAY

Captain Fred Ardolino of the **Amberjack IV** fished southeast of buoy 4 in 75 feet of water on Sunday and had good if not spectacular results. Some people had 6 to 7 fish and about 100 cod were taken aboard by 25 passengers. A few mackerel are around but there are no whiting mixed in with the cod. No foreign vessels were seen in several days, but Fred said that he has been fishing mostly inshore of the 12 mile line.

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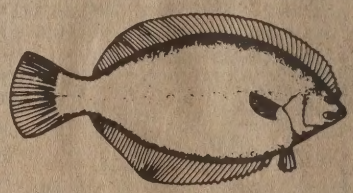

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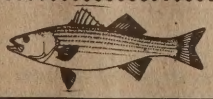

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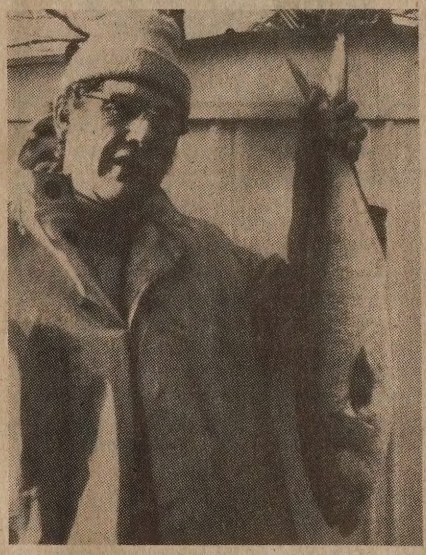

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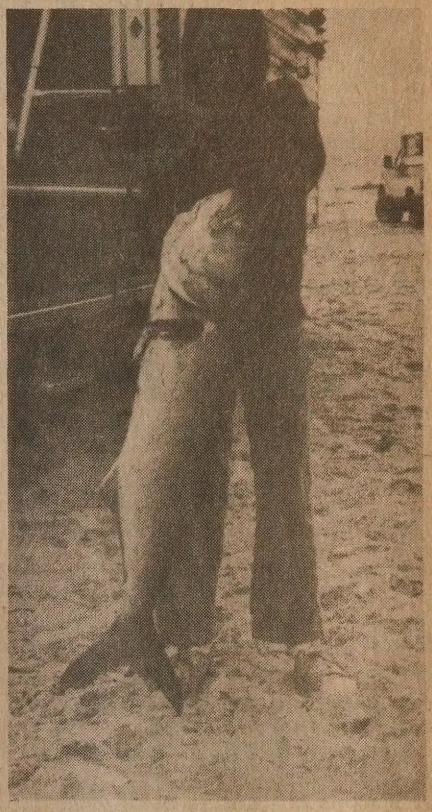

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HATTERAS REPORT
by Ken Lauer

'Tis the season to be jolly and for those who are addicted to fluke fishing (especially the catching), Santa brought an early and prolonged Christmas present. Whether you call them fluke or flounder, it's the same fish, the Lrd love a duck, we have a super-abundance of the critters. From a half-pound on up to a respectable five or six, the flatties are being jerked from the water with astonishing and sometimes monotonous regularity.

The only thing that disturbs me is the methods employed in the taking of the fluke. For many anglers the traditional methods are far to slow, so they've resorted to using large trolling sinkers with even larger treble hooks attached to both ends. With such a rig the poor flattie hasn't a chance and ends up being dragged to the beach hooked through the back or tail. These same fishermen probably wouldn't be adverse to using the same methods on a school of stripers, given the opportunity.

Bluefish were infrequent visitors to the beach this week. There were a couple of days when they touched in, mostly along the south beach between the campground and Frisco pier. Commercial boys made some good hauls during the same period.

Saw a few channel bass taken from the point and a couple from around the inlet. Also a handful of the smaller editions (puupy drum) from the sloughs just north of the Frisco pier.

The weather goes from cool to downright cold, and it's anybodies guess how long the fishing will last. It's good for a few more weeks, anyway. For sure we haven't seen good striper action, and that in yet to come!

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SMASHING VICTORY FOR 200 MILE LIMIT IN SENATE

December 11 was a red-letter day for American fishermen and conservationists and, indeed, all Americans interested in preserving and enhancing our marine fisheries. On that day bill S1988, sponsored by Senator Warren Magnuson (D.-Wash.), extending U.S. fisheries jurisdiction to 200 miles on an interim basis, pending results of the Law of the Sea Conference, was overwhelmingly approved by a vote of 68 to 27.

Though this legislation was reported out of the Senate Commerce Committee late in the summer, conservationists received a severe setback a few weeks later when the Senate Foreign Relations Committee disapproved it by a margin of one vote. The bill was then sent to the Senate Armed Service Committee for further study and it was assumed that this was to be the "kiss of death" due to Defense Dept. objections. However, expert testimony before that committee proved decisively that a 200 mile fisheries limit would not be detrimental to our defense posture. To almost everyone's surprise, S1988 was favorably reported out of the Armed Services Committee by a vote of 8 to 6, despite the objections of Chairman John Stennis.

Action on the Senate bill was precipitated by the failure of this summer's Law of the Sea Conference in Caracas, Venezuela to come up with any resolution of the foreign fishing problem. In the meantime, foreign fleets continue to destroy the fisheries upon which both the American fishermen and consumer depends. Many other countries have long since taken action to protect their fisheries from rapacious foreign fleets which have no stake in the conservation of the resource. The Senate's action in passing S1988 indicates that Congress is tired of watching fisheries being destroyed

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12/26 THURSDAY	5:05	5:35	6:31	7:05	8:15	8:53	8:34	9:06
12/27 FRIDAY	5:55	6:24	7:17	7:52	9:08	9:48	9:22	9:53
12/28 SATURDAY	6:44	7:13	8:04	8:40	9:59	10:36	10:12	10:43
12/29 SUNDAY	7:30	8:02	8:51	9:28	10:49	11:26	10:59	11:31
12/30 MONDAY	8:18	8:51	9:41	10:19	11:39	—	11:48	—
12/31 TUESDAY	9:09	9:44	10:33	11:12	12:15	12:30	12:20	12:39
1/1 WEDNESDAY	10:00	10:38	11:28	—	1:06	1:22	1:09	1:29
1/2 THURSDAY	10:53	11:35	12:07	12:24	1:58	2:17	2:01	2:22

on SANDY HOOK

SHINNECOCK INLET	−0 50
Shinnecock Bay	+1 25
East Quogue	+2 45
Shinnecock Canal	+1 18
Indian Reservation	+3 05
MORICHES INLET	−0 56
Smith's Point	+3 28
Harts Cove	+1 30
Potunck Point	+3 35
Mastic Beach	+3 28
FIRE ISLAND INLET	−0 38
(Inlet.Breakwater & Dem. Pt.)	−0 38
Coast Guard Station	−0 19
Fire Island Light	+0 47
GREAT SOUTH BAY	
Sayville (Brown Creek)	+3 39
Heckscher State Park	+3 20
Bay Shore	+2 23
Babylon	+2 12
Amityville	+2 21
JONES INLET	−0 19
Loop Parkway Bridge	+0 25
Zachs Bay	+1 25
Seaford Harbor	+2 05
Freeport Creek	+0 34
EAST ROCKAWAY INLET	−0 06
Long Beach Bridge	+0 19
ROCKAWAY INLET	+0 00
Beach Channel (Bridge)	+0 38
JFK Airport	+0 26
STATEN ISLAND	+0 27
MANASQUAN	−0 12

on NEW LONDON

Orient Point	+0 27
Connecticut River	+1 10
Little Gull Island (Race)	+0 12
Greenport	+1 04
Southold	+1 43
New Suffolk	+2 26
South Jamesport	+2 32
Shinnecock Canal	+2 33
Noyack Bay	+2 05
Sag Harbor	+0 59
Gardiners Bay	+0 21
Promised Land (Napeague)	−0 14
Fort Pond Bay	−0 29
Montauk Inlet	−0 25
Montauk Point	−1 13

on WILLETS POINT

Little Neck Bay	−0 10
Execution Light	−0 06
Manhasset Bay	−0 01
Hempstead Harbor	−0 11
City Island	−0 03
Rye Beach	−0 28

PHASES OF THE MOON

12/3	12/21	11/29	12/6
NEW	1st Qtr.	FULL	Last Qtr.

on BRIDGEPORT

Lloyd Point	+0 08
Cold Spring Harbor	+0 08
Bayville Bridge	+0 13
Eatons Neck Point	+0 03
Northport Bay	+0 03
Norwalk Islands	+0 10
Smithtown Bay	−0 03
Cranes Neck Point	+0 05
Port Jefferson Harbor	+0 03
New Haven Harbor	+0 08
Mount Sinai Harbor	−0 08
Herod Point	−0 07
Mattituck Inlet	+0 19
Horton Point	−0 20
Truman Beach	−0 42

HOW TO USE TIDE TABLES

To compute the high tide for the area you wish to fish, simply find the closest area on the conversion tables. Add or subtract the hours and/or minutes as indicated from that areas station above. Example: "Shinnecock Inlet —0 50" is listed under "on Sandy Hook". — 0 50 means you subtract 50 minutes from the times given for the SANDY HOOK STATION for the day you are going fishing. For low tide, add 6½ hours to this figure.

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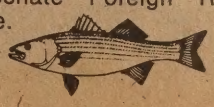
while diplomats ponder the fine points of treaties that may not come into effect for years.

Unfortunately, the situation in the House of Representatives isn't quite as hopeful, despite the fact that the companion bill to S1988, HR8665, had a total of 170 co-sponsors at last count. Congressman John Dingall (D-Michigan) has cooperated with tuna industry and State Dept. lobbyists to tie up the bill in committee and prevent it from coming to the floor, where it would almost surely be approved by a large margin. Unless conservationists can break Dingall's blockade in the next few days, the bill will be dead in this session of Congress. However, a moral victory has already been won in the Senate and action will quickly resume in the new Congress to preserve America's precious heritage of marine resources.

Metropolitan area Senators voting for preserving America's marine resources were Ribicoff (D-Conn.), Weicker (R-Conn.), and Williams (D-N.J.). Senator James Buckley (R-N.Y.), a co-sponsor of the bill, was out of town and unable to vote. The metropolitan area Senators joining the anti-conservationalists were Jacob Javits (R-N.Y.) and Clifford Case (R-N.J.), both of whom were also instrumental in trying to defeat the bill in the Senate Foreign Relations Committee.



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